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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: COPPER ALLOY STRIP MILL

REF: TAIPEI 6080

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF FOLLOWING TELEX FROM  
ANTHONY YEN, WHO REPRESENTS SEVERAL AMERICAN FIRMS IN  
TAIWAN, TO MINISTER K. T. LI REGARDING SUBJECT PROJECT.  
YEN IS ATTEMPTING TO STRUCTURE A U.S. PROPOSAL BASED ON  
VERTICAL CASTING UTILIZING E. W. BLISS MILL EQUIPMENT  
AND ASCAST VERTICAL CASTING TECHNOLOGY.

BEGIN QUOTE,

DEAR MINISTER LI,  
RECENTLY US AMBASSADOR UNGER CABLED US DEPT OF COMMERCE  
THAT CENTRAL MINT OF CHINA CONSIDERING CONSTRUCTION OF  
A COPPER ALLOY STRIP PLANT AND WISHED TO INVITE U.S.  
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MANUFACTURERS TO MAKE OFFERS.

UPON RECEIPT OF SPECIFICATION THE SPECS WERE COMPLETELY WRITTEN IN FAVOR OF A GERMAN MANUFACTURER USING THE HORIZONTAL CASTING METHOD.

ONE OF THE IMPORTANT FACTORS WAS COMPLETELY OVER LOOKED, THAT IS, BY USING HORIZONTAL CASTING METHOD, IT COMPLETELY ELIMINATES THE CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLYING THE MILITARY ARSENALS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF AMMUNITION SHELL CASINGS IN TIME OF NEED. THIS IS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT REASONS ALL U.S. MINTS ADOPT VERTICAL CASTING METHOD AND SO DO MOST OTHER COUNTRIES.

I THOUGHT IT IS QUITE IMPORTANT TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND I TAKE THE LIBERTY OF CABLEING YOU IN ORDER TO ADVISE YOU OF THIS.

ANTHONY YEN

END QUOTE.

2. E. W. BLISS HAD SUBMITTED QUOTE ON MILL EQUIPMENT IN AUGUST 1974 WHEN SPECIFICATIONS CALLED FOR VERTICAL CASTING. ILLIES ENGINEERING (SUBSIDIARY OF EUROPEAN FIRM) WAS THEN ASKED TO REVIEW SPECIFICATIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY THEY RE-WROTE SPECS TO INCORPORATED HORIZONTAL CASTING WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT AMERICANS HAD LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA. ILLIES IS NOW THE CHIEF CONTENDER FOR CONTRACT AND HAS SUCCEEDED IN BLOCKING ANY U.S. PROPOSALS. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE YEN GROUP IS THE ONLY U.S. GROUP WHICH CONTINUES TO BE INTERESTED IN PROJECT.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY FOLLOW-UP WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE WHETHER CENTRAL MINT WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER A U.S. PROPOSAL BASED ON THE VERTICAL CASTING METHOD. EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE EXPERIENCE IN CONSTRUCTING MILLS OF THIS TYPE AND SHOULD RAISE WHAT SEEMS TO BE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S. PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMPHASIZE REPORTED MILITARY APPLICATION OF VERTICAL CASTING METHOD. KISSINGER

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